155 एम एम होवित्जर तोपों की खराब हालत

950. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने ए.बी. बोफोर्स कंपनी से स्वीडन में निर्मित कुल कितनी 155-एम. एम. होवित्जर तोपें खरीदी हैं और इनकी खरीद पर राजकोष से कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है ;

(ख) इन तोपों की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है और क्या ये तोपें पूरी तरह से चालू हालत में हैं; और

(ग) क्या इनमें से कुछ तोपें खराब पड़ी हैं और यदि हां तो कितनी और ये कब से खराब पड़ी हैं तथा इनका किस सीमा तक तथा कहां-कहां उपयोग हुआ है और इन खराब तोपों की अब तक मरम्मत न कराए जाने के क्या कारण है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग) मैसर्स बोफोर्स के साथ 8.41 बिलियन स्वीडिश क्रोनर्स (लगभग 14000 करोड़ रुपये) की कुल लागत पर 410 गनों को वाहनों, गोला-बारूद तथा अग्नि नियंत्रण उपस्करों सहित खरीदे जाने के लिए संविदा की गई थी।

यद्यपि कुछ गनों की उनकी मरम्मत आदि के कारण किसी निर्धारित समय के लिए उपयोग में नहीं लाया जा सकेगा फिर भी ये गनें उस उद्देश्य को संतोषजनक ढंग से पूरा कर रही हैं जिसके लिए उन्हें खरीदा गया था।

Increase in Naval fleet

951. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of Naval Staff has proposed a three-fold increase of the Naval fleet during the next 25 years ; and

(b) if so, whether necessary steps are being taken by Government to acquire additional fleet ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The modernisation of the Indian Navy, and her force levels are considered with reference to the perspective Plan and the Annual Plans drawn up for the purpose. also taking into account the geo-strategic environment, the threat perception, the country's maritime interests, the likely tasks that the Navy may be called upon to perform, and the availability of budgetary resources.

Bofors Deal Case

952. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURNAN MISHRA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Quattrochi of the Italian firm M/s. Snam Progetti, has been transferred to Bangkok after he failed to suppress the names of the Bofors beneficiaries by this company ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Mr. Quattrochi was an appellent before the Geneva Control Court where he tried to supress the identity of Bofors bribery beneficaries ;

(c) whether Government are in a position to interrogate him at Bangkok ; and

(d) if so, under what instruments or law Government would interrogate Mr. Quattrochi and Bangkok ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There were media reports about his transfer to Bangkok but these have not been confirmed by the Delhi Office of M/s. Snam Progetti.

(b) That Mr. Quattrochi was an appelant before the Swiss Federal Court in the Bofors Case is correct.

(c) and (d) If the need arises to interrogate any person living abroad, it can be done in the country where he is located. This is done through Letters Rogatory issued by a Court or through the Interpol.

Software Technology Park in Bangalore

953. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US based Honeywell Inc. is planning to set up a Software Technology Park in Bangalore, and if so, what is the status of the proposal ?

(b) whether it is also a fact that many other overseas companies have evinced keen interest to set up software units in Bangalore ?

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to augment the infrastructural facilities in Bangalore for such projects and whether Government would consider clearance of such proposals in one lot rather than on case to case basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) M/s. Honeywell Inc. USA have submitted an application to set up a Software Technology unit at Bangalore under the Software Technology Park scheme of the Department of Electronics. The said proposal is under consideration of the Government of India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The infrastructure facilities required for software exports i.e. core computer facilities and high speed data communication facilities already available at STP Bangalore are adequate for the purpose.

Such project proposals are considered on case by case basis.

Exorbitant Fees Charged by Computer Institutions

954. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growth of computer institutions all over the country ;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that while most of them are ill equipped, they charge exorbitant fees from the prospective learners ; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to stop the exploitation of educated youth by these institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The majority of institutions which provide computer training are in the private sector and they charge fees according to their own norms.

The Government of India, Department of Electronics vide Resolution, dated 16th August 1990 announced a voluntary scheme namely DOEACC, under which private sector training institutions meeting the defined quality and service standards are